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SENATE MEMORIAL 53

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PATTY JENNINGS AND RECOGNIZING HER MANY  
SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS, Patricia K. Jennings, known to all as "Patty",  
was an amazing woman of compassion, wisdom and strength whose  
life and accomplishments are well worth celebrating; and

WHEREAS, Patty had a distinguished career as an advocate  
for early intervention, special education and health care  
services for children and adults with special needs; and

WHEREAS, she crafted the legislation that created the New  
Mexico medical insurance pool in response to her personal  
experience of being unable to purchase health insurance for her  
daughter, Courtney; and

WHEREAS, together with her husband, Senator Timothy Z.  
Jennings, she successfully lobbied for a bill to establish a

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1 partnership between the university of New Mexico cancer center  
2 and the university of Texas M.D. Anderson cancer center to  
3 conduct inflammatory breast cancer research; and

4 WHEREAS, her health care and disability advocacy and her  
5 efforts to enhance access to services for individuals who are  
6 underserved or who have special needs will be her legacy  
7 through the *Patricia K. Jennings Foundation*, which was  
8 established in January 2009; and

9 WHEREAS, although she was tireless in her advocacy for  
10 these and other important efforts, she was first and foremost a  
11 wife to Senator Jennings and mother to their five children; and

12 WHEREAS, her children and husband were her primary  
13 passions and focus, and they and her parents, siblings and  
14 friends were the recipients of her unconditional love; and

15 WHEREAS, her many friends and family characterize her life  
16 as one of selflessness and generosity; and

17 WHEREAS, she was blessed with clarity of purpose and the  
18 ability to express herself with conviction, and was always  
19 working to see justice done; and

20 WHEREAS, she brought compassion and devotion to everything  
21 she did, showing herself to be a determined, loving woman whose  
22 life was well-lived; and

23 WHEREAS, February 14, 2010 marks the one-year anniversary  
24 of the death of Patty Jennings; and

25 WHEREAS, her life and death remind us all to reach out to

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1 those less fortunate, to live each day to the fullest, to face  
2 each day with optimism and a smile and to leave the world a  
3 better place;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the life of Patty Jennings be celebrated and  
6 that her many significant accomplishments be recognized and  
7 appreciated; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to Senator Timothy Z. Jennings.

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